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priorities of the state of Nebraska and make that decision, and then we wouldn't have to rely on the poorest people in the state of Nebraska to continually fund what I think is probably in the best interests of all Nebraskans, and should probably spread out more than just who voluntarily give up their hard earned money. So that's my thought. But on the petitions, I mean, if you actually read them and somebody actually would take the time to point out the fallacies in them, you know, I have a hard time believing that the voters of the state of Nebraska are going to vote for that. But I've been wrong before. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Burling. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on, ceasing debate. Please vote if you care to. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't remember if it was Senator Schrock or which of my colleagues was speaking, who said that people will say that they're going to do a little gambling, and it's going to a charitable purpose so it's not so bad. If there are people who argue in that manner, it's by way of rationalization to feel justified in doing something that their own mind tells them they ought not to be doing. So that's all you've done by putting these charitable groups into the mix. You've given people a rationalization to justify what they're doing. Is Senator Bourne in the Chamber?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bourne?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't think I see him, but I don't blame him for high-tailing it out of here because I told him that I was going to go after something he said. He had said the public voted for this so give the public what they want, suggesting they're right. The public voted for term limits. Does he